Bul. Harry of Herford, Lancaſter, and Darby
Am I, who readie heare do ſtand in Armes,
To prooue by Gods grace, and my bodies valour
In liſts, on *Thomas Mowbray* Duke of Norfolke,
That he is a Traytor foule and dangerous,
To God of Heauen, King Richard, and to me:
And as I truly fight, defend me heauen.
Mar. On paine of death no perſon be ſo bold
Or daring, hardie, as to touch the liſts,
Except the Marſhall and ſuch officers
Appointed to direct theſe faire deſignes.
Bul. Lord Marſhall, let me kiſſe my Soueraignes hand,
And bow my knee before his Maieſtie,
For *Mowbray* and my ſelfe are like two men,
That vow a long and wearie pilgrimage.
Then let vs take a ceremonious leaue,
And louing farewell of our ſeuerall friends.
Mar. The appellant in all dutie greets your highneſſe,
And craues to kiſſe your hand and take his leaue.
King. We will deſcend and folde him in our armes.
Cooſin of Herford, as thy cauſe is right,
So be thy fortune in this Royall fight:
Farewell my blood, which if to day thou ſhead,
Lament we may, but not reuenge thee dead.
Bul. O let no Noble eie prophane a teare
For me, if I be gorgde with *Mowbraies* ſpeare:
As confident as is the Falcons flight
Againſt a bird, do I with *Mowbray* fight.
My louing Lord I take my leaue of you:
Of you (my noble Cooſin) Lord *Aumerle*,
Not ſicke, although I haue to do with death,
But luſtie, yong, and cheerely drawing breath.
Loe, as at Engliſh feaſts ſo I regreet
The daintieſt laſt, to make the end moſt ſweet.
Oh thou the earthly Author of my blood,
Whoſe youthfull ſpirit in me regenerate,
Doth with a two-fold vigour lift me vp,
To reach a victorie aboue my head,

Adde proofe vnto mine armour with thy prayers,
And with thy bleſſings ſteele my launces point,
That it may enter Mowbrayes waxen coate,
And furbiſh new the name of *Iohn a Gaunt*,
Euen in the luſtie hauiour of his Sonne.
Gaunt. God, in thy good cauſe make thee proſp
Be ſwift like lightning in the execution,
And let thy blowes doubly redoubled,
Fall like amazing thunder on the caske
Of thy aduerſe pernitious enemie,
Rouſe vp thy youthfull blood, be valiant and liue.
Bul. Mine innocence and Saint George to thriu
Mow. How euer God or fortune caſt my lotte,
There lies or dies true to King Richards throne,
A loyall, iuſt, and vpright Gentleman:
Neuer did captiue with a freer heart
Caſt off his chaines of Bondage, and embrace
His Golden vncontroled Enfranchiſement,
More then my dauncing ſoule doth celebrate
This feaſt of battle with mine aduerſarie.
Moſt mightie Liege, and my companion Peeres,
Take from my youth the wiſh of happy yeares,
As gentle and as iocond as to ieſt,
Go I to fight, truth hath a quiet breſt.
King. Farewell (my Lord) ſecurely I eſpie,
Vertue with valor couched in thine eie,
Order the triall Marſhall, and beginne.
Mar. Harrie of Herford, Lancaſter, and Darb
Receiue thy Launce, and God defend thy right.
Bul. Strong as a Tower in hope I cry, Amen.
Mar. Go beare this launce to Thomas D. of N
Herald. Harry of Herford, Lancaſter, and Darb
Stands heere, for God, his Soueraigne, and himſe
On paine to be found falſe and recreant,
To proue the Duke of Norfolke Thomas Mowbr
A Traytor to his God, his King, and him,
And dares him to ſet forwards to the fight.
Her. Here ſtandeth Thomas Mowbray D. of N